

Cross-Canada official languages Consultations- Calgary

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The department of Canadian heritage has launched public consultations toward the development of a new multi-year action plan for official languages in Canada. The minister of Canadian Heritage, Melanie Joly, invited community representatives to participate actively in the bilingual round tables held across the country. One of these round tables was held today in Calgary. There were many participants from many different communities and language schools coming to voice their opinions. It was also attended by a member of parliament, Randy Boissonnault, who gave an informative presentation on the federal views of the future of the official languages. Dr. Abdallahi Hamdy attended this round table as a representative of the Mauritanian Community of Calgary and Eddiya Canadian Centre. He emphasized the importance of building a bridge between Minority and Majority languages in Canada. He also mentioned one of the main challenges of learning French in Alberta, which was the lack of after school activities. He proposed the solution to this was to give more funding towards after school activities such as language club, French language competitions, and French camps. Finally, he emphasized on the importance of learning the language through technology. The round table concluded with comments from the organizers about the ideas discussed and the importance of putting them to action.



